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METHOD OF AN ELEMENT TO BE SOLDERED

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in an International Search Report which issued on May 11, 2004, with regard to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/13094, in which the Examiner cited the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-247535, which was published September 14, 1998, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,957,736 to MORIUCHI et al., which issued on September 28, 1999;

Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Publication No. HEI 05-90835, which was published December 10, 1993, together with an English language translation of the same;

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 05-315408, which was published November 26, 1993, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 60-238489, which was published November 27, 1985, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,772,773 to HASHIMOTO et al., which issued on September 20, 1988; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-45530, which was published February 14, 2003, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the International Search Report, a copy of which was filed in the present application on September 1, 2004.

Applicants also bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 2-15662, which was published January 19, 1990, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document was cited on page 2 of the specification of the present application; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-204377, which was published July 22, 1994, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document was cited on page 2 of the specification of the present application.

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Copies of the above-noted U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii). However, if any copies of the U.S. patents are required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	English Language Abstract of JP 05-315408.
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